

NEW YORK

This November, New Yorkers will elect a governor, attorney general, and comptroller. For the first time in 2026, gubernatorial candidates chose their running mates before the primary, and Governor Kathy Hochul (D) is up for reelection with a new running mate. All 150 assembly seats and all 63 senate seats are also on the ballot.

Attorney General

Republican Nominee

Saritha Komatireddy

Saritha Komatireddy is a prosecutor and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Chief of Staff won the Republican nomination earlier this year. Komatireddy graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Law. As a prosecutor in the Eastern District of New York, Komatireddy focused on high-profile cases involving international terrorism, cybercrime, narcotics trafficking, and fraud. She also worked as a clerk for then-Judge Brett Kavanaugh on U.S. Appeals Court for the D.C. Circuit.

Komatireddy has staked much of her campaign on criticism of James, accusing her of failing to protect the public and of politicizing the office.

Komatireddy wants to see a departure from catch-and-release bail laws, hoping to reduce crime by reducing the number of people released from custody. She hopes to prosecute crimes that district attorneys have declined to pursue and to audit nonprofits in New York that run homeless shelters to ensure that they are effectively using taxpayer dollars. Komatireddy also promises to issue \$1 billion in tax refund checks to New Yorkers for what she claims are “stolen Medicaid funds.”